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Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), France, Germany, Italy, Japan,  
Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents Nos. 3700.2, .3 and .8, 3710.00/1, 3710.88/1,  
W.P.1088/1, 2 and 3 Revised.

- Part (b) 1. At the opening of the second round, and in order to facilitate discussion, the GERMAN Delegation withdrew their stipulation that the embargo under part (b) should cover machines able to make all kinds of small gears. The Delegation were now prepared to accept the new definition set out in paragraph 3 of COCOM Document 3710.88/1. As to the cut-off, they could agree to insertion of the figure of 2 inches.
2. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegation accepted both the new text and the cut-off of 2 inches.
3. The FRENCH and NETHERLANDS Delegates also accepted the new definition, with the figure of 50 mm. (2 inches).
4. The BELGIAN Delegate accepted ad referendum.
5. The UNITED STATES Delegation were still awaiting instructions from Washington.
6. In response to a question from the CHAIRMAN, the UNITED KINGDOM Delegate stated that on the 2 inches cut-off his authorities' position was firm and final, and the FRENCH and GERMAN Delegates stated that, rather than accept the insertion of a higher cut-off, they would prefer to revert to the current definition.
7. The ITALIAN and JAPANESE Delegates said that they could accept 2", with the majority of Delegations.
8. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate, in reply to a question from the UNITED STATES Delegate, said that it had not been possible to trace any direct military usage in the United Kingdom of gears in these pitches greater than 2" in diameter. The majority appeared to be below 1" in diameter. For strategic purposes a very small and delicate machine was required, having features which it was impossible to obtain in larger machines.
9. The COMMITTEE agreed to resume the discussion on Item 1088 on the 15th December.

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